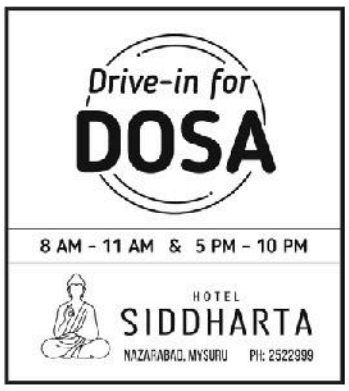

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Echo of diesel price hike in Karnataka

LORRY STRIKE from midnight

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (RK&VNS)- Nearly 9,000 lorries and trucks in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts will go off the roads from midnight tonight (Apr. 14) as part of a Statewide indefinite strike called by the Federation of Karnataka State Lorry Owners and Agents Association. The protest is against the sharp hike in diesel prices that has burdened the trucking sector.

Statewide, over 6 lakh trucks will participate in the protest, which will continue until the State Government rolls back the diesel price hike. The strike has drawn support from over 60 associations across 24 States and trucks from these States will not enter Karnataka during the agitation.

The strike is expected to hit the supply chain hard, particularly affecting the movement of liquor, vegetables, construction materials and other goods. Air passengers too will feel the impact, as airport taxis have joined the protest. However, essential commodities like milk, medicines, petrol, and diesel will be supplied as usual.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Mysuru Lorry Owners Association President B. Kodandaramu confirmed that lorries would stay off roads indefinitely. He said the demands include an immediate roll-back of the diesel price hike, cessation of toll fee collection on State Highways, reduction in vehicle fitness fees and removal of RTO checkposts, among others.

(See STRIKE on page 6)

Fraudulent online trading !

Woman engineer duped of over Rs. 1.26 crore

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (SBD&KS)- Despite regular awareness campaigns by City Police — particularly the Cyber Crime Division — on the dangers of online scams such as fraudulent trading platforms, digital arrests, WhatsApp frauds and bogus part-time job offers, unsuspecting citizens continue to fall victim.

In the latest case, a woman engineer from Mysuru has been cheated of a staggering Rs. 1.26 crore by cyber criminals posing as online trading agents.

The victim, Shobha (name changed), a resident of Gayathripuram, was browsing Instagram when an advertisement for an online trading opportunity caught her eye. Clicking on the link redirected her to a website where she registered her name and mobile number.

Soon after, she began receiving messages related to online trading and was added to a so-called 'VIP Group' on WhatsApp. The group shared a link, prompting her to download an investment app — allegedly created by fraudsters.

Following instructions from the group's administrators, Shobha invested a total of Rs. 1,26,85,970 in multiple phases The app appeared to show her account growing with profits.

(See DUPED on page 6)

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Asbury Ventures Unveils Flagship Residential Project in South Coorg

Gonikoppal, Coorg – April 5:

Asbury Ventures LLP, a newly formed real estate development firm with roots deeply embedded in Coorg's cultural and ecological ethos, has announced its debut project — Blossom Heights — near Gonikoppal in South Coorg. This marks the beginning of a long-term vision to create thoughtfully designed, eco-conscious developments across the region.

Located strategically on the Gonikoppal–Virajpet road at Kaikeri, Blossom Heights is a premium residential apartment project offering 42 exclusive units, spread across six floors with a mix of 2 and 3-bedroom layouts. The development is designed to reflect the unique blend of comfort and tradition, aimed particularly at welcoming the Kodava diaspora back home. "We are passionate about creating comfortable and premium living spaces for the Kodava community looking to return and reconnect with their roots," said a spokesperson for Asbury Ventures.

Blossom Heights is the result of over four years of meticulous research by the Asbury team into the ideal pricing, features, and suitability for premium residential living in the region. The project emphasizes quality over quantity and includes modern amenities such as a multipurpose hall, gym, terrace garden, and round-the-clock security — all while maintaining sensitivity to Coorg's delicate ecosystem.

Importantly, Asbury Ventures positions Blossom Heights not as a speculative investment vehicle but as an ideal consumption asset — a home meant to be lived in, experienced, and enjoyed.

"This is a project for families who want to settle down, reconnect with their roots, or enjoy the lifestyle Coorg offers — not just for those looking for short-term returns," the company stated.

Promoted by a team with rich experience in finance, construction, and sustainable development, Asbury Ventures includes Vimalathithan (Vimal), a wealth management expert with over ₹7,000 crores under advisory; Pragathi Ganapathy, a Kodagu native from the Mamatha Group with a strong vision for sustainable development; and B.S. Krishnakumar, a veteran in the construction sector with three decades of experience.

The company has ambitious plans to invest and promote developments worth ₹250 crores by 2030. These projects will span from premium residential apartments, entertainment center, multiplexes to eco-resorts — all designed to uplift the social infrastructure and enhance the quality of life in Coorg. "Just as it has happened across India, Coorg too deserves well-thought-out urban infrastructure that blends development with sustainability," the team added.

Crucially, Asbury Ventures is committed to responsible, environmentally friendly construction. The firm is actively pursuing Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) certification for all its projects, striving for green building status that promotes energy efficiency, environmental stewardship, and healthier lifestyles.

With Blossom Heights, Asbury Ventures sets the tone for a future where growth meets heritage — and where modern living coexists peacefully with nature.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 14th April 2025

Calling students to participate in Young Indians Parliament-2025

Apr.30 last date to submit entries

Mysuru, Apr. 14- The Young Indians (Yi) Mysuru Chapter, an integral part of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), has launched Young Indians Parliament (YiP-2025), a national-level initiative aimed at instilling civic consciousness, leadership capabilities and policy understanding among school students.

With the theme "Where Young Minds Shape the Nation - Debate, Decide, Drive," YiP provides a dynamic platform for students to engage in parliamentary simulations, participate in structured debates and gain first-hand experience in governance and public policy.

YiP aligns with the Prime Minister's vision to empower youth without political lineage to step into roles of governance and leadership, promoting the belief that the strength of democracy lies in merit, ideas and the courage to lead.

Through its three-tier format — City Rounds, Regional Rounds and National Finals — students are encouraged to develop public speaking, negotiation and policy analysis skills. The top-performing students from city-level rounds will move on to regional rounds conducted across 8 cities and finalists will take part in the national parliamentary simulation.

In 2024, YiP saw participation from over 4,300 students across 720 schools, facilitated by 8 Yi City Chapters. The initiative focuses on relevant and critical themes including Skill Development & AI Readiness, Environmental Sustainability, Education Reform, Youth Empowerment, Women & Child Safety and Technology & Cybersecurity.

Interested schools in and around Mysuru may submit their entries by Apr.30 to be part of this impactful youth leadership initiative.

For further details and participation, contact K. Guruprasad at: *yi.mysuru@cii.in* or over Mob: 95356-39537.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WHY LANGUAGE HIERARCHIES MUST GO:

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 advocates that our students learn three languages, with at least two — one being their mother tongue — drawn from India's linguistic heritage. However, we have recently witnessed passionate arguments about the three-language formula in India. The NEP's emphasis on Indian languages in education brings the significance of multilingualism to the forefront again with a commitment to collective national consciousness.

Excellence in education cannot be measured by adherence to an inherited linguistic hierarchy; it must be defined by a student's ability to think critically, create meaningfully and innovate freely in the language that best allows expression. The many forms of linguistic exclusion manifest in privileging English as the sole medium of intellectual legitimacy, marginalising those who think, learn and express themselves in their languages. Fluency in English should not be mistaken for academic success, nor should intellectual potential be confined to a single linguistic frame. This exclusivist attitude is no accident. It is the residue of a colonial past. Institutions that claim to champion learning must reckon with this reality if they are to remain true to their most fundamental responsibility — creating spaces where education is not a privilege of the English-educated but a right accessible to every Indian.

While the NEP promotes any Indian language medium of instruction and multilingualism in education, meaningful implementation mandates persistent effort, institutional commitment and an uncompromising challenge to ingrained resistance. Without conscious intervention, linguistic hierarchies will aggravate and the exclusion of Indian languages from education will continue — not as an inevitability but as time-tested linguistic choices left unimplemented.

— M. Jagadesh Kumar in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Helicopter crash blamed on penguin

Eastern Cape: The South African Civil Aviation Authority said a low-altitude helicopter crash that didn't result in any injuries was caused by an unusual passenger famous for its lack of flight experience — a penguin.

The incident report said the pilot and three human passengers landed on Bird Island, off the Eastern Cape, on Jan. 19, and a passenger described as a "specialist" placed a penguin from the island in a cardboard box and brought it aboard the aircraft.

The passenger riding in the front seat of the helicopter held the box containing the penguin on his lap, securing it with his hands, but he lost his grip just after take-off and the box slid into the pilot's cyclic pitch control lever. The lever was pushed to the far-right position, causing the helicopter to roll to the right and strike the ground with its rotors.

Ship crew breaks record with 1,391 Lego boats

New York: A company celebrated the launch of its newest cruise ship by assembling 1,391 Lego ships and lining them up on the deck.

MSC Cruises took on the record for the longest line of Lego ships on the deck of its new flagship, the MSC World America, during the voyage from its shipyard in Saint-Nazaire, France, to its new home port in Miami, Fla.

The 1,391 ships were assembled and arranged by a team of about 1,500 crew members, ending with a line of Lego boats stretching 292 feet.

A Guinness World Records adjudicator was on deck to witness the attempt and certify the record. A naming ceremony for the MSC World America is scheduled for Wednesday and the ship will begin its inaugural Caribbean season on Saturday.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Your Gynec health check is incomplete without a Pap smear.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant – Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Sri Srikanteshwara Swamy Theppotsava held at Nanjangud

As part of Dodda Jatra Mahotsava (car festival), Theppotsava of Lord Sri Srikanteshwara Swamy was held amid the cheer of devotees at River Kapila in Nanjangud on Friday.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **102.18 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,267.28 feet**	Today's level **2,832.44 feet**
Last year's level **83.63 feet**	Last year's level **2,262.95 feet**	Last year's level **2,826.16 feet**
Yesterday's level **102.59 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,267.28 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,832.73 feet**
Today's Inflow **90 cusecs**	Yesterday's Inflow **62 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **61 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,869 cusecs**	Yesterday's Outflow **1,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The hair of the boar was often used when making the toothbrush until the 1930s. The hair for the bristles usually came from the neck area of the boar. The brushes were popular because the bristles were soft. However, this was not the best material for oral hygiene because the hairs dried slowly and usually held bacteria.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Customer: *You didn't send a man to mend my electric bell.*

Workman: *He did go, but he came back and said you weren't at home.*

Customer: *But I was at home.*

Workman: *Well, he said he rang and rang, but didn't get an answer!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 85.97
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 112.72
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.41
1 Euro	= Rs. 97.78

VOICE OF THE READER

Tree-felling to widen road: Citizens express concern

Sir,

This refers to the news item titled *"Green carnage: 45 heritage trees felled"* in yesterday's *Star of Mysore* on Page-1.

Felling more than 40 lush green, giant trees overnight in a clandestine operation, while the citizens were asleep is a heinous crime against the city residents and environment.

This crime was a joint operation by the Forest Department and Mysuru City Corporation, the very authorities that citizens entrust their surrounding greenery to be safeguarded.

If they let us down who do we trust from here onwards? No public information was released for discussion.

There is no economic justification to widen this section of the road as there was no traffic congestion. The successive Karnataka Governments are known for quickly approving new capital expenditure projects, this being lucrative to make huge bribery through commission, when there is a dire necessity of funds for maintaining already existing roads and buildings, or to pay salaries to teaching staff everywhere.

The citizens through various NGOs of Mysuru need to immediately join hands and hold several large public protests.

We should appeal together to the judiciary for justice, which should include quick inquiry, monitory penalty, replacement greenery plans and axing the responsible officers from their positions as a punishment. This should also instill fear before such destructions cross the minds of others in future, either here or elsewhere.

—Ravi Bale,
Life Member, MGP
Yadavagiri
14.4.2025

II

Sir,

With reference to the front page news item titled *"Green carnage"* in yesterday's *SOM*, my view is as below:

Peltophorum trees have the most spectacularly beautiful yellow flowers among dark green leaves. These trees provide shade for all and are a refuge for nesting birds.

Even if the Forest Department's prior permission for removal of 45 Peltophorum trees was sought and received by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) for road-widening, it does not mitigate the ecological and environmental "criminal" carnage of the 45 acts of clear felling these avenue trees.

Widening the road for faster and increased vehicular traffic, in my opinion, is no justification for this "crime", which will further speed-up global warming and climate change, affecting future generations of people.

— Maj. Gen. S.G. Vombatkere (Retd.)
Mysuru
14.4.2025

Surgeons felicitate sculptor Arun Yogiraj

Karnataka State Chapter of The Association of Surgeons of India (KSC-ASI) and Surgical Society of Mysore felicitated the renowned sculptor Shilpi Arun Yogiraj (the maestro behind the Ram Lalla idol in Ayodhya) at a programme in city recently. He is seen with (from left) Dr. S.P. Preethi, Dr. B.N. Anandaravi, Dr. H.N. Dinesh, Dr. A.S. Sarveshraj Urs (Secretary, KSC-ASI), Dr. K. Rajagopal Shenoi (Chairman, KSC-ASI), Dr. C.G. Narasimhan, Dr. L. Ramachandra and Dr. G.V. Ravikumar.

Apollo Climbathon 3.0: Hundreds ascend 1,001 steps of Chamundi Hill

Mysuru, Apr. 14- As part of World Health Day-2025, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, took a commendable step towards promoting community health and wellness by organising a Apollo Climbathon 3.0 at Chamundi Hill in city yesterday morning.

The event was designed to inspire Mysureans to embrace physical fitness and raise awareness about the importance of an active lifestyle for long-term well-being. This is the third time Apollo BGS Hospitals has organised the Climbathon, reaffirming its commitment to preventive healthcare and community engagement. The Climbathon witnessed an overwhelming response, with over 600 participants from across the city.

People of all age groups — from energetic teenagers to spirited senior citizens — came together to ascend the 1,001 steps of Chamundi Hill. Participants, ranging from ages 15 to 60, showcased incredible determination and camaraderie, making the event a true celebration of health, perseverance and community spirit.

The event was flagged off by N.G. Bharateesha Reddy, Vice-President and Unit Head of Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru and Jammada Preeth Appaiah, a Mysurean, who recently reached the summit of Mount Elbrus, the tallest mountain in Russia and Europe.

Veteran Kannada comedy actor Bank Janardhan passes away at 77

Bengaluru, Apr. 14- Veteran Kannada comedy actor Bank Janardhan passed away in the wee hours of today (Apr. 14) at a private hospital in Bengaluru.

Bank Janardhan

He had been battling prolonged illness and was admitted due to multi-organ complications. He breathed his last at around 2.30 am. He was 77 years old.

Bank Janardhan, who had acted in more than 500 films, was especially known for his comic timing and powerful character roles. He had a significant presence in films like *Shhh!, Tarle Nan Maga, Ganesh Subrahmanya* and *Kaurava*.

In television too, he earned a loyal fanbase through serials like *Papa Pandu, Jokali* and *Robo Family.* He also played a key role in the Poshaka Kalavidha Sangha and acted in many plays and productions associated with it.

In addition to his work in mainstream cinema, he had a deep connection with theatre and television, earning respect across different mediums.

Born in 1948 in Bengaluru's Sultanhalli (Sulthanpalya), he was known for his distinctive dialogue delivery and endearing performances.

In 2023, Janardhan had suffered a heart attack but had recovered at the time. However, due to age-related ailments, he had been admitted to Manipal Hospital recently, where he succumbed to his health complications. His mortal remains will be kept for public homage at Ravindra Kalakshetra till 3.30 pm following which last rites will be held at Peenya after 4 pm today.

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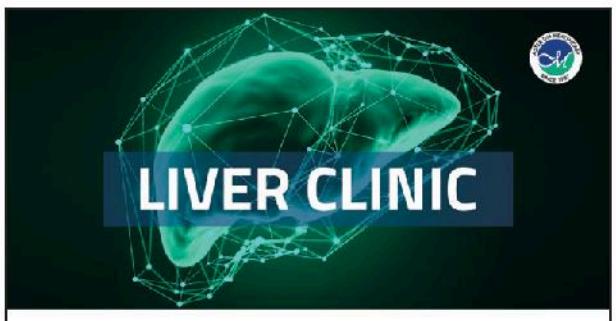

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Admissions open

Yuvaraja's College has invited application from aspiring students for admission to B.Sc, BCA and BBA courses (2025-26). Admission forms will be made available at the college and online ***ycm.uni-mysore.ac.in*** from Apr. 15. Last date to submit the filed-in application, along with a copy of SSLC marks card, II PUC provisional marks card, caste and income certificate, is Apr. 25. List of selected students will be announced on May 2. For details, candidates can visit the college website or notice board of the college.

Ph.D awardee

G.M. Sathyasheela has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the Mangalore University, Mangaluru, for her thesis 'Chamarajanagara Jilleya Aitihyagalu' submitted under the guidance of Prof. Somanna.

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Green activists outraged over felling of 40 shade-giving trees

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (BCT)- Environment activists have expressed outrage over the felling of over 40 Peltophorum trees — known for their broad canopy and generous shade — by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) early yesterday morning.

The trees were axed to facilitate the widening of Hyder Ali Road between Venkatalingaiah Circle (SP Office Circle) and the Kalikamba Temple.

Forest Department officials confirmed that the MCC had sought permission to fell the trees in February this year citing the need to expand the road by 30 metres. The trees were deemed an obstruction to the project.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Dr. K.N. Basavaraj stated that the MCC's Horticulture Department had submitted a request to the Forest Department, following which a site inspection was conducted to assess the necessity of tree removal. Upon confirming that the trees indeed posed an impediment to the proposed widening, permission was granted.

"Though permission was issued based on project requirements, the MCC is mandated to compensate by planting 10 saplings for every tree felled — meaning 400 saplings must be planted as compensatory afforestation," Dr. Basavaraj said.

"The MCC has been directed to deposit Rs. 411.27 per sapling, amounting to Rs. 1,64,508, in addition to Rs. 3.26 lakh for other related costs."

Responding to criticism over the lack of public notification, Basavaraj clarified that public hearings are mandatory only when more than 50 trees are to be cut, which was not the case here. However, the Forest Department's evaluation revealed that the trees were at least 40 years old, a fact that has further incensed citizens.

In response, **environmentalists have called for an emergency meeting at Cheluvamba Park today at 3 pm to discuss steps to prevent such large-scale tree felling in the future.**

Mysore Grahakara Parishat to hold 'shraddhanjali'

Bhamy V. Shenoy, Founding Working President of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), told *Star of Mysore* that he was devastated by this repeated episode of tree destruction, often carried out without public consultation.

It is appalling that neither the MCC nor the Forest Department attempted to seek public opinion before deciding to axe 40 trees. Was any cost-benefit analysis conducted before taking such a drastic step? By conservative estimates, Mysuru has lost around Rs. 240 crore today, he said.

"The value of a single tree ranges from Rs. 50 lakh to Rs. 6 crore. Authorities used the 'under 50 trees' loophole to bypass public scrutiny. MGP plans to hold a formal 'shraddhanjali' (tribute) to mourn the untimely death of these trees and raise awareness to prevent such calamities in the future."

Meanwhile, Parisara Balaga and other environmental organisations held an online meeting last evening to discuss strategies and organise protests. Parashuramegowda, Founding Member of Parisara Balaga, voiced deep anguish.

"By cutting down these trees, we have destroyed an entire ecosystem that silently supported us. Insects, ants and birds have lost their habitats. The loss of biodiversity and environmental degradation reveal our growing alienation from nature. We must come together, demand change, prioritise sustainability and protect the planet's dwindling natural resources — for our own sake and for future generations."

Group clash leaves many injured in Srirangapatna

Srirangapatna, Apr. 14 (KS)- A man allegedly forcing his wife to convert to a different religion resulted in a group clash leaving many injured in the town on Saturday evening.

The incident took place in front of Nimishamba Metals in the town and those who were injured have been identified as Palahalli residents Shruthi, her children Lakshmi and Ravikiran and Lakshmi's husband Srikanth. While Shruthi and Lakshmi have been admitted to the General Hospital in the town, Srikanth has been admitted to a private hospital in Mysuru, Police said.

Lakshmi's brother Ravikiran has lodged a complaint against Lakshmi's husband Srikanth, Harish, Nagini, Krishnaveni, Ravikumar, Subramanya, Prabha, Prashanth and Sagar at Srirangapatna Town Police Station. Srikanth's relatives have also lodged a complaint against Ravikiran and others, Police said.

Lakshmi and her mother Shruthi, who were injured in the group clash at Srirangapatna on Saturday, being treated at a hospital.

In his complaint, Ravikiran has stated that Srikanth and his parents had got converted to Christianity about four years back and even Srikanth had changed his name as Peter. Ravikiran further stated that Srikanth, after taking money from him, had built a Church at Mogarahalli Manti in the taluk and was forcing his wife Lakshmi (sister of Ravikiran) to convert and when she refused, he (Srikanth) began to harass her. "To settle the issue, Srikanth had called me, my mother Shruthi, sister Lakshmi (Srikanth's wife) to his relative Ravikumar's house, where he assaulted us with an iron road," Ravikiran said in his complaint.

Meanwhile, Lakshmi has accused that her husband Srikanth was forcing her to convert to Christianity and was telling her that he would not give money for the treatment of her son if she does not get converted. She has also alleged that Srikanth was forcing her to come to the Church every Sunday.

One arrested for cricket betting

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (SBD&KS)- City Crime Branch (CCB) Police have arrested a man on charges of indulging in online cricket betting in city. The man was indulged in online cricket betting near a petty shop, next to the Outer Ring Road in Alanahalli Police limits on Saturday night, when CCB Inspector Raju Konakeri and staff raided the spot and arrested the man. A case has been registered at Alanahalli Police Station.

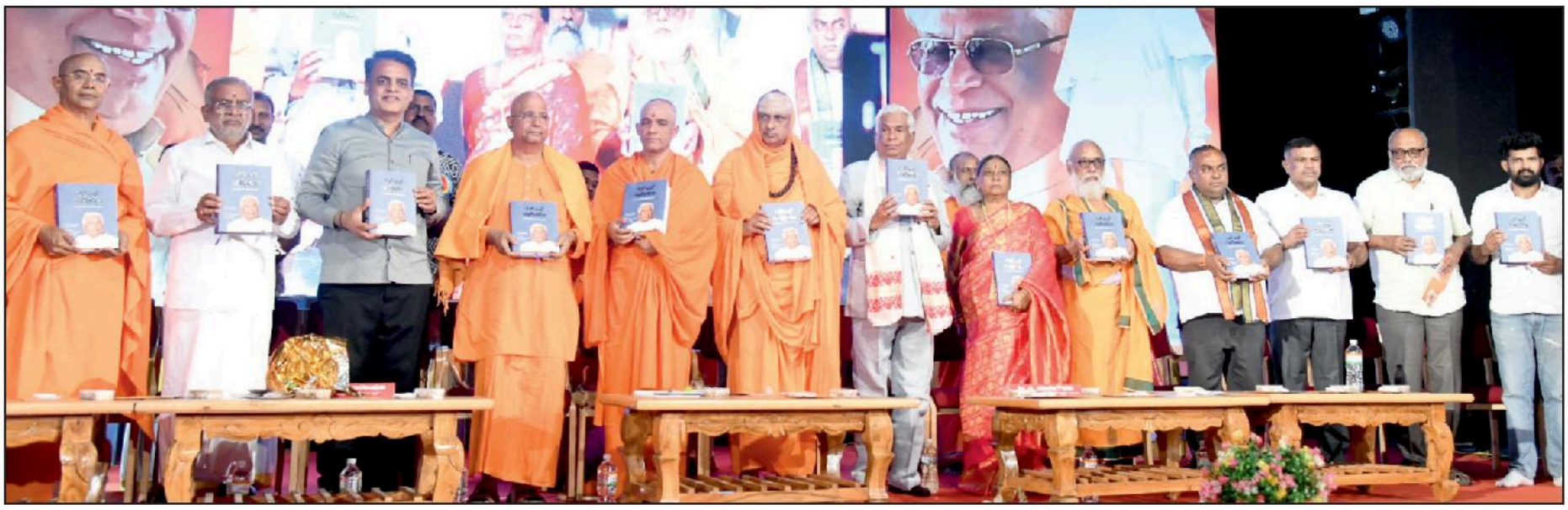
Obituary

Dr. B.N.S. Prasad

Mysuru, Apr. 14- Dr. B.N.S. Prasad (90), a resident of No. 62, 7th Main, 8th Cross, Kamakshi Hospital Road in Saraswathipuram, passed away yesterday night in city. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held this morning in city.

Former CITB Chief D. Madegowda feted for visionary urban development

"Mane Mane Madegowda" felicitation volume released by Seers and Legislators



FROM LEFT: ***Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Mysuru branch Seer Sri Somanatha Swamiji, MLA G.T. Devegowda, former Deputy CM and MLA Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, Swami Muktidanandaji Maharaj of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, former MLC D. Madegowda, his wife Nagarathna Madegowda, Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, ex-MLC Marithibbegowda, Karnataka Sangha-Mandya President Prof. Jayaprakash Gowda and former MP Prathap Simha seen releasing*** *"Mane Mane Madegowda"* ***felicitation volume at a function held at Kalamandira in city last evening.***

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (MK, PM & BCT)- Former MLC D. Madegowda, affectionately known as 'Mane Mane Madegowda' was honoured and accorded a warm felicitation at Kalamandira in city last evening.

A senior politician, former Chairman of City Improvement Trust Board (CITB, now Mysuru Urban Development Authority), and a respected elder of Kumbarakoppal, Madegowda is credited with shaping several key areas of Mysuru.

The felicitation event, titled *'Ughe Made Gowdruge'*, was organised by D. Madegowda Felicitation Committee and saw the release of a commemorative book, *"Mane Mane Madegowda."*

The ceremony was graced by prominent religious leaders including Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji (Suttur Mutt), Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji (Adichunchanagiri Mutt) and Swami Muktidanandaji Maharaj (Sri Ramakrishna Ashram), among others.

Former Deputy CM and MLA Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who released the book, hailed Madegowda's visionary leadership in the 1970s that laid the foundation for Mysuru's modern urban planning.

MLA G.T. Devegowda highlighted Madegowda's inspiration from his father Doddathammaiah (Doddathammegowda), a legendary figure from Kumbarakoppal, and praised his legacy through projects like 'Asha Mandira.'

MLA K. Harishgowda recalled how Madegowda earned the title *"Mane Mane Madegowda"* by ensuring housing for the poor and initiating waste management practices long before they became a civic priority. He credited Gowda for securing funds for Male Mahadeshwara Hills development and spearheading the Mahadeshwara Jatre.

Karnataka Sangha President Prof. Jayaprakash Gowda described Madegowda as a *"Sooru Kotta Shoora"* — a hero who provided homes at people's doorsteps, highlighting his inclusive and empathetic approach to public service.

Accepting the honour, D. Madegowda spoke of his efforts to harmonise religion, politics and literature for the greater good. He credited his success to the blessings of seers, cross-party cooperation and a commitment to unity. He shared how these values helped him implement development projects without controversy or division.

A musical performance by Vedashree and Rajesh Padiyar preceded the main event. The event was presided over by Felicitation Committee President M.V. Deviprasad. Among the dignitaries present were Nagarathna Madegowda, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MLCs Marithibbegowda, K.T. Srikantegowda, B.R. Patil, former MP Prathap Simha and IAS Officer Jayaram Rayapura.

Grand chariot procession

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (MK&PM)- Before the felicitation ceremony, former MLC D. Madegowda was taken in a grand procession through the city in a beautifully decorated chariot.

Seated alongside his wife K.S. Nagarathna Madegowda and granddaughter Sadhana, he was escorted with deep reverence to Kalamandira, where the event unfolded. The chant *"Ughé Made Gowdruge"* echoed throughout the procession, underscoring the admiration he commands.

Folk art performances such as Puja Kunita, Veeragase, Gorava Kunita and Dollu Kunita added colour and vibrancy. The rhythm of drums, mangalavadya and band music created a festive mood while towering gaarudi dolls captivated onlookers. The entire procession was a befitting honour to Madegowda's enduring legacy and public service.

The procession began near the old DC Office, close to Maharaja's Pre-University College and passed along JLB Road, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle) and Hunsur Road before concluding at Kalamandira.

Bullock carts and traditional tongas added a rustic and royal flair, showcasing agricultural roots and Mysuru's heritage. The event drew dignitaries and a large gathering of admirers, all eulogising the services of their beloved leader.

A champion of societal welfare, says former PM Deve Gowda

H.D. Deve Gowda

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (MK&PM)- In a message, former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda described ex-MLC D. Madegowda as a simple, noble-hearted and cultured individual whose work he has admired both personally and politically for decades.

"Madegowda is known for his dedication, integrity and visionary leadership, contributing immensely to Mysuru's urban growth. His service extended beyond MUDA to institutions like Bharath Seva Dal and Karnataka Youth Hostels, where his selfless efforts earned him wide respect. A devout follower of Ramakrishna Ashram and Male Mahadeshwara, his work reflected a deep commitment to societal welfare," Deve Gowda said.

Living the vision of his father: "D. Madegowda transformed his birthplace into a modern city. Fulfilling the aspirations of his father, Doddathammegowda, he lived a life devoted to the divine and impactful, community-focused work," said Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji

Dr. Bhashyam Swamiji of Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Trust said that Madegowda deserves a *Padma Shri*.

Swami Muktidanandaji Maharaj, President, Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru said that Madegowda's life has been a beacon of societal welfare and education. His selfless service, leadership, spiritual depth and unwavering faith reflect a persona fit for a king, the Swamiji added.

Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, President, Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Mutt said that Madegowda's spiritual grounding, paired with his tireless contributions to society, is truly exemplary.

Processions mark Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (BLU&BNR)- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 134th Jayanti was celebrated by garlanding the statue of Dr. Ambedkar near the Town Hall here this morning, under the joint aegis of the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat (ZP), Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Social Welfare Department.

MLCs C.N. Manjegowda & Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Additional DC Dr. P. Shivaraju, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar and others were present on the occasion.

As part of the celebrations, a grand procession accompanied by a tableau of Dr. Ambedkar's statue and messages, along with folk troupes, passed through Chamaraja Circle, K.R. Circle, Devaraja Urs Road, Vinoba Road and reached Kalamandira where a stage programme was held.

Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar (14 April 1891- 6 December 1956) was a jurist, economist, social reformer and political leader, who chaired the committee that drafted the Constitution of India based on the debates of the Constituent Assembly of India and the first draft of Sir Benegal Narsing Rau.

Dr. Ambedkar served as Law and Justice Minister in the first Cabinet of Jawaharlal Nehru. He later renounced Hinduism, converted to Buddhism and inspired the Dalit Buddhist movement.

At Ashokapuram

Marking Dr. Ambedkar's birth anniversary celebrations, a festive atmosphere was in the air at Ashokapuram with many statues and posters of Dr. Ambedkar put up across the area.

Dr. Ambedkar's statue at Ambedkar Park was garlanded in the presence of BJP SC Morcha President V. Shailendra, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, City BJP President L. Nagendra, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, retd. Professor Phaneesh, former Mayors Sandesh Swamy & Shivakumar, BJP leaders Anjan Kumar, Amit Raju and Lingaraju.

Speaking on the occasion, Yaduveer Wadiyar recalled the contributions of Dr. Ambedkar to the society.

Later, a tableau with the statues of Dr. Ambedkar, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Buddha was taken to Kalamandira through JLB Road after going around in Ashokapuram.

The tableau of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, which was part of the procession from Ashokapuram.

Woman engineer duped

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However, when she attempted to withdraw her earnings, the fraudsters demanded an additional Rs. 7.45 lakh as a commission before releasing the funds.

It was only then that Shobha realised she had been conned. She immediately approached the Cyber, Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Crime Police Station and lodged a formal complaint.

This incident underscores the vulnerability of even educated individuals to sophisticated cyber scams. Police have been repeatedly cautioning the public — especially the elderly and tech-savvy youth — not to share personal banking details, OTPs, or click on unfamiliar links, no matter how legitimate they may appear.

Authorities have advised citizens to be wary of part-time job offers, especially those circulated through WhatsApp and to ignore messages claiming lottery wins or cash prizes.

Despite continuous public education drives, cyber criminals continue to exploit curiosity and trust, leaving many financially and emotionally devastated.

Lorry strike from midnight

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Federation President G.R. Shanmukhappa had earlier pointed out that the diesel price has been increased twice within just seven months — amounting to a Rs. 5 hike — which has made it increasingly difficult for truckers to stay afloat.

"The Karnataka Government has hiked diesel prices twice in seven months, escalating operational costs. Truckers are struggling to survive and this price hike affects every citizen in the State," he said.

The Federation has also demanded the abolition of toll collection within Karnataka, the removal of RTO checkposts at borders and a roll-back of the Union Government's directive to collect Rs. 15,000 for Fitness Certificate renewal.

Prime Minister Modi pays floral tribute

Top political leaders paid floral tributes to Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar in the Parliament House Complex this morning, marking his 134th birth anniversary. From President Droupadi Murmu to the Gandhi family, all paid homage to the Father of the Indian Constitution. Picture above shows Prime Minister Narendra Modi paying floral tributes to the life-size portrait of Dr. Ambedkar.

Mysore Royal Family land row in Chamarajanagar

No farmer will be evicted: Pramoda Devi allays fears

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (RK&BCT)- Allaying concerns raised by farmers and villagers in Chamarajanagar over the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family's claim to nearly 5,135 acres of private land, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar has reiterated that the royal family has no intention of causing any inconvenience to the residents of the affected areas.

Addressing an emergency press conference at the residential wing of Mysore Palace this noon, Pramoda Devi assured the people that there is no need to panic over the matter. "Even if the land is found to belong to us or is officially allocated to us, no one will be displaced. We will maintain the status quo," she stated.

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar addressing an emergency press conference at the residential wing of the Mysore Palace this noon.

In a letter dated Mar. 20, addressed to the Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Tahsildar and the Deputy and Assistant Directors of the Land Records Department, she requested that khatas for these properties — claimed to belong to the Maharaja of Mysore — be transferred in her name.

The land spans several villages and survey numbers across Chamarajanagar district and, according to her letter, forms part of the Royal Family's private holdings under an agreement signed between the Maharaja of Mysore and the Union Government on Jan. 23, 1950.

"I have submitted letters to all relevant authorities based on the 1950 records. If the land was once donated by the Maharajas, it will not be reclaimed. We want to reassure the people that there will be no disruption to their lives," she said.

Ancestral holdings

She listed various survey lands believed to be part of the family's ancestral holdings, including Budithittu, Karadihalla, Kannikere, Ummattur, Janana Manapa with the garden at Kasaba Chamarajanagar, Basavapura, Marchally, Southanahalli, Kaggaliborekaval, Kammenahalli, Benkipura, Thippur, Chillanahalli, Chidcathanahalli, Marur Kaval, Attagulipura and Haradanahalli.

She clarified that her letter was prompted by the inclusion of Royal Family lands in a proposed revenue village initiative by the Chamarajanagar District Administration. "So far, I have not received any reply from the Deputy Commissioner," she said.

Pramoda Devi also expressed strong disapproval of the State Government issuing Saaguvali Cheetis (land ownership certificates) for lands that she claims belong to the Royal Family. "Who is the Government to give away our land? If it wants to distribute land to the people, it should do so from its own holdings — not ours," she asserted. She urged villagers to reach out directly to the Royal Family if they had concerns. "They should not be afraid. We are unaware of the documents they hold, but if they bring them to us, we will clarify everything. Even in the absence of documents, no one will be evicted."

Court ruling

She cited a past legal case filed by a farmer against the Royal Family regarding land ownership, which ended with the Court ruling in the family's favour after reviewing all documents. "Do I need to present more proof that this land belongs to us?" she asked.

Pramoda Devi also condemned the spread of misinformation and attempts by certain individuals to instil fear among the villagers. "Let the DC submit a report. Despite the rumours, we stand by our commitment to the welfare of the people. No difficulties will be caused by our actions."

The titular head of Mysore Royal Family and Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, echoed her sentiments, saying, "Protecting our property is our right, and our mother is doing just that. This is not causing any trouble to the public."

"We have provided all details regarding our ancestral land to the DC. Let's wait for their response before jumping to conclusions. Meanwhile, we assure the residents of Chamarajanagar that there is no cause for alarm," he said.

Asked about reports of farmers from Siddaiahanapura threatening to commit suicide in front of the Palace, Yaduveer responded firmly: "Such a situation will never arise."

CII Mysuru ESG Conference 2025 and Expo in city

Mysuru, Apr. 14- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru Zone and CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development, is set to host the ESG Conference 2025 and Exhibition on Apr. 23. The event, organised in partnership with JSS Science and Technology University and the Schevaran Cleanfix Academy, will be held at JSS Technical Institutions Campus, Mysuru from 9.30 am.

With the theme 'Driving Sustainable Transformation: Aligning Business with Sustainability,' the conference aims to provide a dynamic platform for industry leaders, policymakers, academicians and sustainability professionals to engage in forward-looking discussions on ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) integration, industrial decarbonisation, and sustainable business practices. The objective of this CII initiative is to promote and propagate awareness on ESG compliance, tools and techniques, and national and global ESG guidelines. It will also showcase practical, ground-level case studies from the manufacturing sector. The event will serve as both a platform and an opportunity to exhibit and promote ESG-related products and services.

The Conference will feature focused sessions on key ESG themes, including Decarbonising Industries: Pathways to Net-Zero Emissions, Technology and Innovation for Green Industrialisation, The Importance of ESG in MSMEs and The ESG Transformation Journey - The Road to Net Zero. Through this initiative, CII Mysuru aims to foster an ecosystem of responsible industrial growth and innovation by promoting cross-sector collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the practical adoption of sustainability frameworks.

A key objective of the Conference and Expo is to highlight the critical importance of ESG management within the manufacturing sector. The event will also offer valuable opportunities for participants to engage with ESG experts, solution providers and thought leaders driving the sustainability agenda in Mysuru Region. For registration, contact Kiran on Mob: 98447-85965.

Cyber criminals cheat elderly in the guise of Mumbai Police

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (SBD&KS)- Cyber criminals in the guise of Mumbai Police have cheated a senior citizen, a resident of Bhyraveshwara Nagar in city to the tune of Rs. 11.80 lakh.

About 15 days back, the senior citizen received a call from an unknown number and the caller on the other end of the phone, who identified himself as a Cop from Kolaba Police Station in Mumbai, told the senior citizen that his mobile phone number has been used for unlawful activities and his mobile phone will be seized in two hours. Cyber fraudsters, who came to know that the senior citizen was in fear and shock, made a video call and collected information including the senior citizen's bank accounts and even jewellery he had.

The fraudsters then warned the senior citizen not to tell anyone that he was contacted by them and keep it a secret as the investigation was going on. Later, the fraudsters got Rs. 3.30 lakh transferred to a small finance bank through RTGS from the senior citizen and after a few days, the senior citizen pledged his gold ornaments and again transferred Rs. 8.50 lakh to the small finance bank. The senior citizen then tried to contact the cyber criminals and as they could not be contacted, the senior citizen, realising that he had been cheated, lodged a Complaint at city's CEN Crime Police Station.

Chinnara Mela inauguration today

Noted wildlife experts Krupakar and Senani will inaugurate Chinnara Mela-2025 organised by Rangayana Mysuru at Vanaranga in its premises today at 5 pm. Ahead of the inaugural event, Rangayana had invited the children attending the summer camp this morning to divide them into different groups in accordance to their age. A total of 250 children will be attending Chinnara Mela to be held from Apr. 14 to May 10.

135th Ramotsava of Ramabhyudaya Sabha: Day-6

Combining Confidence & Commitment...

Vid. Harish Sivaramakrishnan gave a vocal concert on the sixth day of the music series of Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha at Alammana Choultry in Srirampet. He was accompanied by **Vid. Karthik Nagaraj** on violin, **Vid. Arjun Kumar** on mridanga and **Vid. G.S. Ramanujam** on ghata.

Harish Sivaramakrishnan from Kerala is one of the Founder-Members of the band Agam (meaning soul in Sanskrit) and a playback singer working for Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films. But though working for films and rock band, his discipleship and musical career under the legendary T.N. Seshagopalan in Karnatak music has given him the recognition of being a lead vocalist of Karnatak music today. The present concert was marked for his exceptional talent, creativity and great energy.

The opening number was, interestingly, Varamu with a good Alapana leading onto a rare never-heard Tamil kriti 'sAgavaram ArulvAi RAma' by Subramanya Bharathiyar. Harish sang swaras only in the first speed explaining that he intended to sing slow and soft numbers , which was a welcome decision.

After an unhasty rendition of 'AkhilAnDeshwari Raksha MAm' by Deekshitar in Dwijavanti, Charukeshi was taken up. The ragalapana was commendable for the way it was built methodically focusing on beautiful phrases. Kartik's version of the raga was equally impressive. Swati Tirunal's 'KripayA pAlaya ShourE ' set to Mishra Chapu was rendered in the right speed with also a decorative neraval at 'nArada Mukha Muni nikara geya charita but the sahitya of the last line of anupallavi and charana were exchanged and the artistes was so carried away with the kalpana swaras that he forgot the line to be taken up after the violinist's swara essay.

The other attraction of the evening was Nalinakanti. Harish proved in this alapana that this raga, though not a major raga, could be expanded so well. At each Sthayi swara, he explored the raga step by step, with frills and brigas and good breath control. Had the upper notes been more restrained, the effect would be still better because restraint is the hallmark of refinement.

Sri Tyagaraja's 'ManavyALA kinchara' was well-rendered with a detailed intellectual swara essay for the pallavi that again reminded us of TNS.

Arjun Kumar not only encouraged the young violinist throughout, but also exchanged

Vid. Harish Sivaramakrishnan from Kerala giving a vocal concert at Alammana Choultry in Srirampet on Apr. 11. He is accompanied by Vid. Karthik Nagaraj on violin, Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata.

restrained but captivating rhythmic patterns with G.S. Ramanujam during taniyavartanam.

The concluding part of the concert included 'Ranga Pura VihAra' by Deekshitar on request, which the vocalist chose to sing only the pallavi and anuppallavi part as time was running out, popular devaranama 'RAma RAma RAma SeethA RAma Enniro' in Tilland, preluded by a shloka on RAma from Vishnu Sahasranama and 'Ayyane Vaa Appane vaa Hariharasutane nee vaa' tuned and popularised by his Guru TNS.

It is highly appreciative that a film music director and a rock singer can offer such music rooted in classicism. Harish is humble and keeps very good rapport with his accompanists. With some cautious moves, Harish can make it to the top.

—Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Vid. Kunnakudi Balamuralikrishna performs

at Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira

Vid. Kunnakudi Balamuralikrishna performing at Ganavisharadha Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira on Narayana Shastri Road in city on Apr. 12 as part of 109th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival. He is accompanied by Vid. Mysore Srikanth on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata.

Melodious veena recital in memory of Vid. S. Balachander

Ganabharathi, Mysuru, had organised a soulful veena concert in memory of Vidwan S. Balachander, the legendary veena maestro. **Vidu. Shubha Santhosh** from Bengaluru presented the recital, accompanied by **Vid. Tumkur Ravishankar** on mridanga and **Vid. Ajay** on ghata.

Shubha is a vainika known for her emphasis on soft, smooth playing that brings out the divine quality of the instrument. Eschewing gimmicks, or technical jugglery, her performance displays just the natural beauty and grace of the veena, even when amplified with a contact microphone. Clarity and dexterity are the hallmarks of her style. A disciple of Vidushi Sudha Vadiraj, Shubha continues her musical journey under the guidance of Vid. H.S. Sudheendra.

Vidu. Shubha Santhosh from Bengaluru presenting a veena concert in memory of Vidwan S. Balachander at Ganabharathi, Mysuru, recently. She is accompanied by Vid. Tumkur Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Ajay on ghata.

Shubha began the concert with a melodious varna in raga Saranga, rendered at an appropriate tempo. This was followed by 'Shree Maha Ganapathi,' a composition of Muthuswamy Dikshitar in raga Gowla, enhanced with a quick and attractive kalpana swara passage. A brief sketch of Kedaragowla lead to 'Saraguna palimpa,' a composition by Poochi Srinivasa Iyengar followed by 'Smaraneyonde saalade' in raga Malaya marutha by Puranadara dasa. Whether it was Kalpitha or kalpana sangeetha, the soft melody remained central throughout.

Paying homage to Seshanna, Shubha performed his composition 'Rama ninnu' in raga Ananda bhairavi with elegance. The semi main piece of the concert was Lathangi. Her alapana was soulful, with the opening phrases clearly establishing the identity of the raga.

The kruti 'Venkataramana' by Papanasam Sivan was presented with vibrant kalpana swaras that added charm to the rendition. The evergreen Devaranama 'Taarakka bindige' by Purandara dasa in raga Tilang was a delightful addition.

The main raga of the concert, was Kapi, naturally drew the audience in with its innate charm. Shubha broughtout its emotional essence beautifuly. Her gentle touches and smooth gamakas enhanced the aesthetic appeal and a well-executed taana lent a spiritual depth to the performance. Tyagaraja's composition 'Intha soukhyam' followed, rendered in a sweet and mellifluous style.

The percussion accompaniment by Tumkur B. Ravishankar and Ajay was restrained and sensitive, complementing the veena beautifully. Shubha concluded the veena recital with a popular Devaranama by Vyasaraja 'Krishna nee begane baro' in Yamuna Kalyani, leaving the audience with a lingering sense of serenity. This memorable recital will undoubtedly stay in the hearts of rasikas for a long time.

—Dr. Rama V. Bennur

Cricket buffs enjoy IPL at Fan Park

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (VNS)- Cricket buffs in Mysuru enjoyed a two-day IPL fiesta at Fan Park set up at SBRR Mahajana First Grade College Grounds in Jayalakshmipuram here on Saturday and Sunday.

People, who thronged the Fan Park on Saturday, watched the matches of Lucknow Super Giants Vs Gujarat Titans in the afternoon and Sunrisers Hyderabad Vs Punjab Kings in the evening. While the response was not to the expected level on Day-1, on Sunday, the venue was jam-packed for the afternoon match as it featured Royal Challengers Bengaluru taking on Rajasthan Royals at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur and a large number of audience stayed back to watch the match between Mumbai Indians and Delhi Capitals too.

Both matches were a treat to watch as Royal Challengers Bengaluru beat Rajasthan Royals on their home turf while Mumbai Indians beat Delhi Capitals in a close match.

Special children excel in UMANG-2025 contests

Mysuru, Apr. 14- Devdan Foundation Learning Centre from Mysuru, represented through Special Olympics Committee, Karnataka State, has won three medals in 'UMANG-2025 Season 7' Cultural Competitions organised for Intellectually Challenged Children at Gems Cambridge International School in Hoshiarpur, Punjab, recently.

The event was organised under the joint aegis of Jagjit Singh Sachdeva Ashakiran Special School and Special Olympics Bharat (SOB), Punjab Chapter, with the aim of giving a platform to the talent of intellectually challenged children.

The competitions saw participation of 330 children in 29 teams from all over India.

The students from Devdan School won gold in solo dance male higher ability (Dhyan), gold in unified dance (Dhyan, Kishore, Gahan, Samreen and Amreen) and silver in team dance (Dhyan, Kishore and Gahan).

The prize winning students of Devdan Foundation Learning Centre — Amreen, Gahan, Dhyan, Kishore and Samreen — are seen with Centre Director Kotera Dilip Devaiah and Chairperson Dhanya Ponnamma Uthappa.

Adopt new methods for waste segregation: MP

MP Yaduveer Wadiyar launching the cleanliness drive 'Clean Mysuru - Safe Mysuru' near Marimallappa's School in Vijayanagar Fourth Stage yesterday as others look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (GA&VNS)- There is a need to come out with measures to ensure the campaign launched against the single use of plastic is a success, said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar here yesterday.

Speaking after launching the cleanliness drive 'Clean Mysuru - Safe Mysuru,' jointly organised by Samagama Welfare Foundation, Vijayanagar Fourth Stage Residents Welfare Association, Senior Citizens Association and Vijaya Vinayaka Sangha as part of World Health Day celebrations near Marimallappa's School in Vijayanagar Fourth Stage, he said that segregation of plastic waste had emerged as a major issue in the country and the only way to counter it was to stop single use plastic and to change the method of waste segregation.

"There have been no positive results despite Governments announcing new programmes to reduce the use of plastic. People should adopt the old methods to use paper covers or cloth bags during their visits to shops. This will gradually bring down the use of the plastic and help in segregation of waste," he added.

Residents Welfare Association President Ramakrishne Gowda, General Secretary Anand, Samagama Welfare Foundation Directors Pandu, Sumithra and Shivakumar, Senior Citizens Association President Cheluvegowda, Chaitanya Yoga Foundation Chief Dr. P.B. Murthy and others were present on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Effusive

Pronunciation: ih-FYOO-siv (adjective).
Meaning: Someone or something described as effusive is expressing or showing a lot of emotion or enthusiasm.
Origin: English speakers have used effusive to describe excessive outpourings since the 17th century. Its oldest and still most common sense relates to the expression of abundant emotion or enthusiasm, but in the 1800s, geologists adopted a specific sense characterizing flowing lava, or hardened rock formed from flowing lava. Effusive can be traced, via the Medieval Latin adjective effūsīvus ("generating profusely, lavish"), to the Latin verb effundere ("to pour out"), which itself comes from fundere ("to pour") plus a modification of the prefix ex- ("out"). Our verb effuse has the same Latin ancestors. A person effuses when speaking effusively. Liquids can effuse as well, as in "water effusing from a pipe."
Example: "More recently, Billboard ranked Grande, who also writes and produces her own work, high on its list of the greatest pop stars of the 21st century. ... Rolling Stone has been similarly effusive, praising 'a whistle tone that rivals Mariah Carey's in her prime.'" —Lacey Rose, The Hollywood Reporter, 11 Feb. 2025.

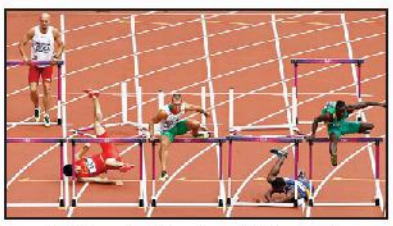
THE ODD WORD

Eclaircissement

Clarification; enlightenment.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Fall at the first hurdle



Meaning: The phrase 'Fall at the first hurdle' is used to say when someone fails at an early phase of a task.
Origin: The origin of the phrase "Fall at the first hurdle" is thought to come from the sport of horse racing, where a hurdle is a barrier that horses must jump over during a race. If a horse fails to clear the first hurdle, it is considered to have fallen at the first hurdle and is unlikely to win the race.
The same phrase could be used to say 'Fall at the last hurdle' if someone drops the goal at the very end of the task.
Example: "The idea could fall at the first hurdle if they fail to secure the investors approval."

QUOTE BOX

Autumn leaves are like little gifts falling from the sky, making everything look magical. **— Unknown**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HEAVEN
– PENNIES

Answer: Pennies from heaven.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Large asteroid orbiting between Saturn and Uranus
6 Stupid person
10 Carte du jour
11 Believer: suffix
12 Terms of endearment (3,5)
14 Misfortune
16 Earthy yellow
17 Go about idly or in search of pleasure
19 Miss Universe 2000 ___ Dutta
21 Prefix meaning "equal"
22 And __ __ bed: and thus ends our day? (2,2)
23 With hands on hips
25 Going steady
27 Lift one in tennis
28 One of the twelve Hebrew tribes in Old Testament
29 Couple of words of consolation for an unfortunate person? (2,4)
32 On/off switch
35 A large mouthed pitcher or jug
36 Unfriendly
38 Litigated
39 Light-Emitting Diode
40 Look fiercely or fixedly at
42 Sign of assent
43 Looted or plundered, ravished
45 A long period of time
46 Alaskan city - "omen" anagram?
47 Drink of the gods
48 Trouble or woe - "stir us" anagram ?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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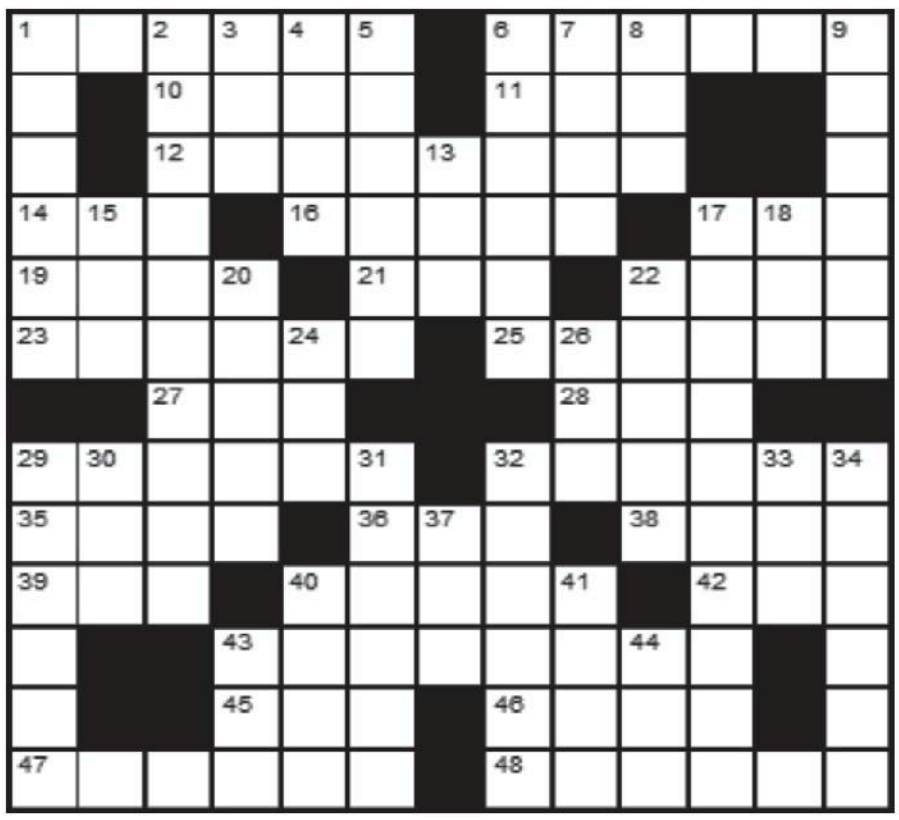
DOWN
1 Unfortunate Columbia victim Kalpana ___
2 Endangered
3 Female ruff
4 I am _ _ it : I am aware of it? (2,2)
5 Papal ambassador
6 Mighty hunter of Genesis
7 Understanding term? (1,3)
8 Time To Stn.
9 Victor or master? (3,3)
13 American Helicopter Society
15 Sturdy tree
17 Sinking or drowning? (5,5)
18 Aeronautical Telecommunications Network
20 Love affair
22 Male deer
24 TV World News Service
26 Song and dance
29 Horatio ___ : English naval hero?
30 Run a tab
31 Murderer
32 Despot
33 Planetary parent of the August born?
34 Small whirlpools
37 A unit of heat
40 Prefix denoting quantity
41 Selves - "goes" anagram?
43 Pet name for Patrick or Patricia?
44 Large Australian bird



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9							1	3
			4		3			
7	6							8
	5				2		8	
				4	1		6	5
					7	3		9

Answer to previous puzzle

2	5	8	3	6	7	4	9	1
6	3	9	2	1	4	8	7	5
7	1	4	9	5	8	6	2	3
4	2	1	6	7	3	5	8	9
8	6	3	4	9	5	2	1	7
9	7	5	1	8	2	3	4	6
1	8	2	5	3	9	7	6	4
5	4	6	7	2	1	9	3	8
3	9	7	8	4	6	1	5	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UD KDIB FU HP RFXP PIDZBR TPDTKP SI ERSU

GDZIEVM HSKKSIB ED WSBRE WDV ERPSV

VSBREU, HP'KK CP GFKKPQ F QPNDGVFGM.

TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: We are drowning in information and starved for knowledge.

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Agnyathavasi (K)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Bazooka (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
The Amateur (E)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 7.15 pm
Jaat (H)	(S-3)	4.10 pm; (S-4) 9.55 pm
Vidyapti (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 7.05 pm
Vaamana (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 4.15 pm

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Vidyapati (K)	:	10.45 am, 4.15 pm, 6.45 pm
L2: Empuraan (K)	:	12.40 pm
Manada Kadalu (K)	:	1.15 pm
Alappuzha Gymkhana (Ma)	:	4 pm
Bazooka (Ma)	:	6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Maranamass (Ma)	:	9.15 pm

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Blood donation camp held at Cauvery FGC

A blood donation camp was organised by Sree Cauvery First Grade College (FGC), Kuvempunagar, in association with K.R. Hospital Blood Bank, at the College premises in city recently. The camp was inaugurated by K.R. Hospital Blood Bank Officer Ravi Shankar. College Principal K.M. Padmavathi, College Administrator Dr. C.E. Subramanya, Assistant Professor and Red Cross Co-ordinator C. Sonakshi and others were present.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 14)

- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Inauguration of Chinnara Mela-2025 by wildlife photographers duo Krupakar-Senani, environmentalist K Manu and Karnataka Nataka Academy Member Dr. M.A. Jahida chief guests, Rangayana Mysuru Director Satish Tiptur presides, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 135th Sri Ramotsava celebrations Sangeetotsava-2025, Discourse on Ramayana by Ramachandra, retd. Engineer, Rama Mandira, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Vid. Sunil Gargyan will give a vocal concert with Vid. H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Vid. K.V. Prasad on mridanga and Vid. Ranganath Chakravarthy on ghata, Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Ganavisharadha Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, Mysuru:** 109th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, grand violin duet concert by Mysore Brothers (Mysore Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore Manjunath), accompanied by Vid. Neyveli Venkatesh on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata, Mandira premises, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 72nd Sri Ramotsava, devaranama by Hamsini, Divya, Nithin Rajaram Shastry, Mysuru and troupe, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Adamya Rangashale:** Staging of play 'Bhava Yenage Hingitu,' written by Karanam Pavan Prasad and directed by Manoj M. Adamya, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 15)

- **Basudeva Somani College:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 134th birth anniversary, Dr. M. Puttaswamy, Chairman & Managing Trustee, The Institute of Education Trust, Mysuru, inaugurates, Prof. S. Narendrakumar, Professor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies and Director, Gandhi Bhavan, University of Mysore, main speaker, Dr. M. Mahadevaswamy, Principal, Basudev Somani College, presides, College premises, **11 am.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust:** 135th Sri Ramotsava Sangeetotsava-2025, Discourse on Ramayana by Ramachandra, retd. Engineer, Rama Mandira, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Vidu. Amritha Murali will present a vocal concert with Vid. R.K. Shriramkumar on violin, Vid. Arun Prakash on mridanga and Vid. Bhargava Halambi on kanjira. Violinist Vid. R.K. Shriramkumar from Chennai will be feted on being selected for this year's Sangeeta Kalanidhi Award, Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Mysuru Branch (SIRC):** 10th Study Circle Meeting, CA V. Abhishek speaker, Rotary Centre, JLB Road, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Ganavisharadha Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, Mysuru:** 109th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, vocal recital by Vidu. Bhargavi Venkatram, accompanied by Vid. H.K. Venkatram on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Mandira premises, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 72nd Sri Ramotsava, violin recital by Kushal, Bengaluru, accompanied by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**

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Agnyathavasi (K)	:	11.05 am, 7.45 pm
Jaat (H)	:	1 pm, 6.50 pm
Alappuzha Gymkhana (Ma)	:	1.30 pm, 4.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Vidyapati (K)	:	4.10 pm, 10 pm
Maranamass (Ma)	:	7.15 pm
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